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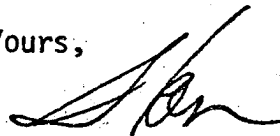
Dear Bryan,

Thanks so much for your letter inviting me to speak at your Independence Day celebration at Palos Verdes this July. As much as the opportunity to address such a gathering appeals to me, I'm afraid I must regretfully decline your kind offer. I do wish it would be otherwise.

I am ever mindful of the wellspring of support throughout the country for what we here at the CIA are trying to do for our country, and thank you and the Committee for offering us the opportunity to explain the importance of our work at your celebration.

All the best for a most successful program.

Yours,



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